

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF MONTANA

DA 09-0578

HERMAN GONZALES; FAWN LYONS; KEN
LAUDATO; LAWRENCE WALKER; GARY
MANSIKKA; GARY GALETTI; GREG
WHITING; MARVIN KRONE; RICHARD
BLACK; JIM KELLY; CHRIS SOUSLEY, and
all others similarly situated,

Plaintiffs and Appellees,

v.

MONTANA POWER COMPANY;
NORTHWESTERN CORPORATION, a Delaware
Corporation; PUTMAN AND ASSOCIATES,
INC., a Montana corporation; NORTHWESTERN
ENERGY; NORTHWESTERN CORPORATION
d/b/a NORTHWESTERN CORPORATION as a
reorganized debtor, subsequent to its plan
confirmation, herein after referred to as NOR; and
JOHN DOES II and III and JOHN DOES IV thru
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Defendants and Appellant.

O R D E R

Pursuant to the Internal Operating Rules of this Court, this cause is classified for submission on briefs to a five-justice panel of this Court without oral argument.

The Clerk is directed to mail a true copy hereof to all counsel of record and to the Honorable Kurt Krueger, District Judge.

DATED March 24, 2010.

For the Court,

By 
Chief Justice